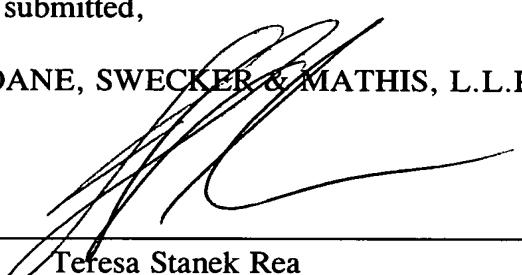


Should the Examiner have any questions or helpful suggestions, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

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